Amendment to the claims:

1. (currently amended)   A computer system comprising:

a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming instructions to implement a set of communication services on the computer system for generating on behalf of an offeror client, an electronic token representing an offer to participate in a voice call with a destination party designated by the offeror client, the electronic token to be transmitted by the offeror client in association with an electronic mail message to an offeree, services for receiving on behalf of the offeror client, through a data network link, a notification from the offeree denoting the offeree's acceptance of the offeror client's offer by activating said electronic token, and services for causing , immediately in response to the offeree's acceptance of the offeror cleint's offer, a first voice call connection to be initiated to the destination party designated by the offeror client and a second voice call connection to be initiated to the offeree, and bridging together the two connections so as to establish a voice call between the destination party and the offeree ~~a voice call to be initiated between the destination party designated by the offeror client and the offeree immediately in response to the offeree's acceptance of the offeror client's offer~~; and

an execution unit coupled to the storage medium for executing the plurality of programming instructions.

2. (original)   The computer system of claim 1, wherein the offeree accepts the offeror client's offer by activating the electronic token displayed on the offeree's computer system.

3. (original)   The computer system of claim 2, wherein activating the electronic token

comprises selecting the electronic token with a user input device.

4. (original)   The computer system of claim 2, wherein the electronic token comprises a

graphical icon.

5. (original)   The computer system of claim 2, wherein the electronic token comprises an URL.

6. (original)   The computer system of claim 1, wherein the voice call comprises at least one of

a circuit switched call and a packet based call.

7. (currently cancelled)

8. (currently amended)   The computer system of claim 1 7, wherein the destination party

designated by the offeror client is the offeror client.

9. (currently amended)   The computer system of claim 1 7, wherein the first and second

voice calls each comprise a circuit switched call.

10.(currently amended)   The computer system of claim 1 7, wherein the first voice call

comprises a circuit switched call and the second voice call comprises a packet based call.

11. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 1 7, wherein the first voice call comprises a packet based call and the second voice call comprises a circuit switched call.

12. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 1 7, wherein the first and second voice calls each comprise a packet based call.

13. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 1 7, wherein the electronic token is generated on behalf of the offeror client based at least in part upon data provided to the computer system by the offeror client, the data associated with at least one of a PSTN extension corresponding to the destination party designated by the offeror client and a PSTN extension corresponding to the offeree.

14. (original) The computer system of claim 13, wherein the PSTN extension corresponding to the offeror client is obscured to prevent the offeree from identifying the PSTN extension associated with the destination party designated by the offeror client.

15. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 1 7, further comprising programming instructions to implement services for receiving payment information from the offeror client in association with at least one of the first and second calls, and services for verifying the ability of the offeror client to pay an indicated amount, prior to causing the first and second voice calls to be bridged.

16. (currently amended)   A method comprising:

transmitting by an offeror party in association with an electronic mail message, an electronic token representing an offer to participate in a voice call with a destination party;

receiving by an offeree party, the electronic token representing the offer to participate in the voice call with the destination party;

receiving on behalf of the offeror party ~~client~~, through a data network link, a notification from the offeree denoting the offeree's acceptance of the offeror ~~client's~~ party's offer by activating said electronic token; and

causing, ~~a voice call to be initiated between the destination party designated by the offeror client and the offeree~~ immediately in response to the offeree's acceptance of the offeror client's offer, a first voice call connection to be initiated to the destination party designated by the offeror client and a second voice call connection to be initiated to the offeree, and bridging together the two connections so as to establish a voice call between the destination party and the offeree.

17. (original)   The method of claim 16, wherein the offeree party accepts the offer to participate in the voice call by activating the electronic token representing the offer.

18. (original)   The method of claim 17, wherein activating the electronic token includes selecting the electronic token with a user input device.

19. (original)   The method of claim 17, wherein the electronic token comprises a graphical icon.

20. (original)   The method of claim 17, wherein the electronic token comprises an URL.

21. (original)   The method of claim 16, wherein the destination party is the offeror party.

22. (original)   The method of claim 16, wherein the voice call comprises at least one of a circuit switched call and a packet based call.

23. (currently amended)   The method of claim 16 ~~22~~, wherein both the first and second voice call connections are PSTN call connections ~~bridging the voice call further comprises:~~

~~establishing a first PSTN call with the offeree;~~

~~establishing a second PSTN call with the destination party; and~~

~~bridging the first and the second PSTN calls.~~

24. (currently amended)   The method of claim 16 ~~22~~, wherein the first voice call connection is a VOIP call connection, and the second voice call connection is a PSTN call connection ~~bridging the voice call further comprises:~~

~~establishing a first PSTN call with the offeree;~~

~~establishing a second VoIP call with the destination party; and~~

~~bridging the first PSTN call and the second VoIP call.~~

25. (currently amended)   The method of claim <u>16</u> ~~22~~, wherein <u>the first voice call connection</u> <u>is a PSTN call connection, and the second voice call connection is a VOIP call connection</u> ~~bridging the voice call further comprises:~~

~~establishing a first VoIP call with the offeree;~~

~~establishing a second PSTN call with the destination party; and~~

~~bridging the first VoIP call and the second PSTN call.~~

26. (currently amended)   The method of claim <u>16</u> ~~22~~, wherein <u>both the two voice call</u> <u>connections are VOIP call connections</u> ~~bridging the voice call further comprises:~~

~~establishing a first VoIP call with the offeree;~~

~~establishing a second VoIP call with the destination party; and~~

~~bridging the first and the second VoIP calls.~~

27. (original)   The method of claim 16, wherein the electronic token is generated by a third party based at least in part upon data provided to the third party by the offeror party in association with a contractual relationship previously established between the third party and the offeror party.

28. (original)   The method of claim 27, wherein the data provided to the third party by the offeror party includes a first PSTN extension corresponding to the offeree party and a second PSTN extension corresponding to the destination party.

29. (original)   The method of claim 28, wherein the second PSTN extension is obscured to prevent the offeree party from identifying the second PSTN extension.

30. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the data provided to the third party includes

billing information.

31. (original) The method of claim 30, wherein the voice call is bridged only after payment

verification is received by the third party from an independent party assuring that the offeror

party will pay for the cost of the call.

32. (currently amended)   A computer system comprising:

a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming instructions to

implement a set of communication services on the computer system for receiving on behalf of an

offeror client, through a data network link, a notification from an offeree denoting the offeree's

acceptance of the offeror client's offer to participate in a voice call with a designated destination

party, the offer communicated to the offeree by an electronic token in association with an

electronic mail message, and for causing, ~~the voice call to be initiated between the designated~~

~~destination party and the offeree~~ immediately in response to the offeree's acceptance of the

offeror client's offer <u>by activating the electronic token, a first voice call connection to be</u>

<u>initiated to the destination party designated by the offeror client and a second voice call</u>

<u>connection to be initiated to the offeree, and bridging together the two connections so as to</u>

<u>establish a voice call between the destination party and the offeree</u>; and

an execution unit coupled to the storage medium for executing the plurality of

programming instructions.

33. (previously amended)   The computer system of claim 32, wherein the destination party is designated by the offeror.

34. (currently cancelled)

35. (original) The computer system of claim 32, wherein the services for causing the voice call to be established between the designated destination party and the offeree, comprise services for causing a first voice call to be established with the offeree, for causing a second voice call to be established with the designated destination party, and for causing the first and second voice calls to be bridged to place the offeree and the designated destination party in voice communication with each other.

36. (currently amended)   A computer system comprising:

a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming instructions to implement a set of communication services on the computer system for generating on behalf of an offeror client, an electronic token representing an offer to participate in a voice call with a designated destination party, the electronic token to be transmitted to an offeree in association with an electronic mail message and services for causing, ~~a voice call to be initiated between the destination party designated by the offeror client and the~~ offeree immediately in response to the offeree's acceptance of the offeror client's offer by activating said electronic token, a first voice call connection to be initiated to the destination party designated by the offeror client and a second voice call connection to be initiated to the offeree, and bridging together the two connections so as to establish a voice call between the destination party and the offeree; and

an execution unit coupled to the storage medium for executing the plurality of

programming instructions.